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DATA RELAY METHOD USING STORAGE DEVICE

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC '119 AND 37 CFR ' 1.55, Applicants hereby  
claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-397380  
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